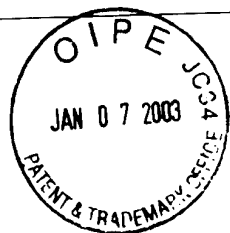


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Inventor: Joseph R. BYRUM
Atty. Docket: 16517.132/38-21(15786)B

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Appointment of Associate Attorneys;
2. Amendment and Response;
3. Request for Deletion of Inventor;
4. Request for Corrected Filing Receipt;
5. Copy of Updated Filing Receipt with corrections noted in red ink;
6. Information Disclosure Statement;
7. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) with two (2) accompanying references; and
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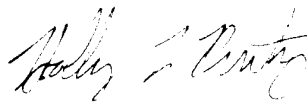
Applicant requests that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.132:

\$130.00 fee for correcting inventorship; and

\$180.00 fee for submitting an Information Disclosure Statement.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicant does not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.132. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Attn: Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections

Sir:

Attached is a copy of an Official Filing Receipt issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the above-referenced application for which issuance of a corrected filing receipt is respectfully requested. It is noted that there is an error with respect to the following data:

Under the heading "Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant", the following U.S. provisional and non-provisional applications should be listed:

09/521,640

09/421,106

60/130,465.

In support of these corrections, Applicant submits herewith an Amendment that supplies the relationship of the corrected priorities claimed. Accordingly, Applicant's representative agent respectfully requests that the listing of priority date be corrected as indicated above.

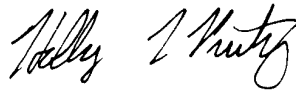
Applicant further notes that the Attorney Docket Number listed on the Filing Receipt is incorrect. The Attorney Docket Number should read:

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Accordingly, Applicant's representative agent respectfully requests that the listing of Attorney Docket Number be corrected as indicated above.

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Request for Deletion of Inventor

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b), Applicant's representative hereby requests that David K. Kovalic, correctly named as an inventor in the above-captioned application as filed, be deleted as a result of the inventor's invention no longer being claimed. In response to the restriction requirement imposed by the Office in the Office Action mailed September 19, 2001, and made final in the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002, claims directed to subject matter invented by David K. Kovalic have been cancelled in the accompanying Amendment and Response filed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) be charged to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.132.

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